

50-Philippians-03- Transcript

aha well that's a video really gets me
are we trying to achieve salvation on
our own that's really the question today
and that's what we're going to be
covering today in Philippians chapter
three are we trying to achieve salvation
on our own efforts we covered last time
when we were looking at Philippians that
we said that the focus of this letter
was really in verse 27 of chapter one
and all the verses before that were
leading up to verse 27 and then after
that we're really reinforcing and
elaborating on this verse that the
conduct of this community this
congregation should become the gospel of
Christ and that really is the core
message of Philippians and chapter three
is no exception it is also focusing on
this instruction a single imperative
from the from the apostle to the
congregation so let's get into chapter
three but before we do that I'll just
say a quick prayer and then we'll get
right into the study for this evening or
having me Father we bow before you and
we thank you Lord for the opportunity to
open your scriptures and to have
understanding from them and guidance for
our lives and particularly father the
chapter that will cover this evening
chapter three of the letter to the
Philippians we pray for understanding
and we pray father for transformation
that it will affect us it will affect
how we conduct ourselves and how we
conduct ourselves in our communities we
praise you Lord and ask your blessing on
our study now in Jesus Holy Name
so rather let's begin the study and
let's begin in chapter 3 and verse 1
where the Apostle says now after writing

in chapter 2 and elaborating on the need to put on the mind of Christ he says finally my brethren rejoice in the Lord and then this is really what he's driving home here that if we are to rejoice and we are that me joy saying is to be in the Lord and this is not you know comedic rejoicing that he wants us to be you know comedians that's not the point Paul was a man full of grief he had a lot of care and concern a lot of burden for the churches that he looked after as was Christ a man acquainted with grief but these men were full of joy the joy that comes from Christ and that's what he's really emphasizing here to the Brethren at Philip I that they're rejoicing and they were there we saw in chapter one they're under intense persecution just as the Apostle was and also there was this rift in the congregation that they're rejoicing their joy is to be in the Lord and so that's really now that the the subject that he's about to cover he says here to write the same things to you to me indeed is not Grievous but for you it is safe so it seems that he has written to them before on the topic that he's about to cover and he's now about to repeat himself and I think sometimes brethren might feel that elders repeat themselves they might you know say wow he's really obsessed with that particular topic and Paul was you can think of when he was writing to the Ephesians or when he was with the elders in Ephesus how for three years he kept warning them and warning them that even amongst them their own selves there would be deceivers that would rise up false teachers that would rise up and day and night for three years he kept on that topic and even the way

Christ instructs us he repeats himself and so here under the hope inspiration of the Holy Spirit the Apostle Paul is going over some ground that he has already covered and and he begins very very strongly look at verse 2 beware of dogs Wow beware of dogs now these are Jews or Jewish Christians and dogs in the Jewish culture are really looked down on they're they're not part of the community they're outside the camp they're scavengers they're unclean and here he's referring to these Jewish Christians as dogs beware of evil workers not just dogs now he actually refers to these seemingly righteous people righteous teachers teachers of the law as evil workers beware of the concession that is those who are mutilators of the flesh the circumcised errs Wow now you know in chapter 1 he made the statement that there are many who preach Christ and even from a wrong intention and he rejoiced he said as long as Christ is preached yet here these teachers he doesn't mince words at all what is the difference why so harsh why so unforgiving of these teachers he explains so beware of these mutilators for we are the circumcision which worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh so obviously these teachers are very confident very authoritative very strong and what Paul is saying here is that we don't have any of their confidence because they have confidence in the wrong thing our confidence in our joy is in Christ Jesus and that's where he began this this passage now saying rejoice in the Lord that these teachers are rejoicing in something that is not Jesus Christ they're adding something else to the process of salvation that

instead of their faith of salvation
being in Christ Jesus in Christ Jesus
alone their faith their confidence is in
the works of the flesh and the law now
this is similar to the instruction that
Paul gives in Romans where he speaks of
circumcision in chapter 2 of Romans
beginning in verse 25 he says for
circumcision verily prophets it is
profitable if you keep the law but if
you're a breaker of the law your
circumcision is made uncircumcision so
that's great that these teachers are
saying you know in order for you to be
part of the covenant community you have
to be circumcised because that's how the
Covenant began with Abraham it was
circumcised and since Abraham we've all
been circumcised and so if you're going
to be part of our community that's great
that you've accepted Christ and we want
you to be part of the community but it's
critical it's a requirement to pre
represent that you be circumcised and
pulsing in grave I agree circumcision is
wonderful if you keep the law but if you
break the law then your circumcision is
your you might as well be uncircumcised
because you're no longer part of the
Covenant therefore if the uncircumcision
keep the righteousness of the law shall
not his uncircumcision be counted for
circumcision so what if you have
somebody who's uncircumcised but who
really gets it and is able to keep the
actual intent behind the law the very
thing that God designed in the law then
wouldnt his uncircumcision count for
circumcision and those who are
circumsized if they're breaking the law
and they're missing the righteousness of
the law then their circumcision might as
well be uncircumcision verse 27 and
shall not uncircumcision which is by

nature so just by nature your
uncircumcised if it fulfill the law you
judge who by the letter and circumcision
you transgress the law so you've got
circumcision you've got the letter of
the law and with all this knowledge and
with your circumcision you're breaking
the law and yet these people who are
uncircumcised by nature who really get
it and are keeping the faith faith of
the law then and the intent of the law
the righteousness of the law you judge
for now he concludes this sucks this
passage he is not a Jew which is one
outwardly neither is that circumcision
which is outward in the flesh but he is
a Jew which is one inwardly the
circumcision is that which is of the
heart in the spirit and not in the
letter whose praise is not of men but of
God and this is really the fundamental
point here that God is not interested in
rituals he's interested in a clean heart
and the whole point of his covenant in
his relationship with man is to solve
the heart defect that we have the the
sin problem in our hearts and so here if
you are if you are by faith in Christ
developing the righteousness of Christ
and solving this carnal human nature
that we have in the heart then then this
is really what makes you a Jew this is
really what makes you part of the
covenant community but if you just have
all the outward trappings of the
Covenant but your heart is still filthy
and you're still sinful and use you use
you are you haven't solved the the human
nature problem you're not a gym you're
not you're not part of this community
goes on now in Hebrews 10 and we believe
that this is the applause
Paul writing to the Hebrews the author
is actually not named and is unknown but

there's good reason to believe that this is still the Apostle Paul but the author of Hebrews in chapter 10 says for the law having a shadow of good things to come so the law was an indicator of good things to come and not the very image of the things it was just a shadow of the things can never with those sacrifices which they offered year after year after year continually make the comers thereunto perfect so they had the law and they had these annual sacrifices on the day of atonement and the high priest would go into the holy of holies but every year they have to repeat this this ritual so it wasn't making them perfect for then if it had made them perfect would they not have ceased to be offered so if they actually made this sacrifice and it made them perfect they wouldn't need the sacrifices anymore because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins that should have linked Clint cleanse them but in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year for it is not possible it is impossible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins it's not possible so we are human beings made in God's image when we sin we incur the death penalty but to take the blood of bulls and goats it cannot satisfy the death penalty that we've incurred as human beings made in God's image therefore when he comes into the world that is Christ he says sacrifice and offering you do not desire but a body you have prepared me in burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you have had no so from the beginning God really had no pleasure in these sacrifices what he really has pleasure in and then Christ came to do his will and to do his

pleasure is the sacrifice of all sacrifices that does make us perfect that does remove sin and that is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and that is why Paul opens up so fiercely and so vigorously against these Judaizers who are coming coming to the community and so what we saw you know there was a risk of the community of collapsing in the face of persecution and we saw that in Chapter 1 so he warns them to actually rejoice in the persecution and to see suffering for Christ's sake as a gift from God and as a gift from Christ so that was one threat to the community then we also saw in chapter 2 another threat and this threat was from within that there were people who were motivated by strife and by vain glory by vanity by reputation and that threatened to disrupt and divided the community and in fact that was a greater threat than the persecution you know the church has shown through time that when it's persecuted it actually thrives but the bigger threat now was internal strife and that was a big danger and Paul spent a lot of time elaborating on developing the mind of Christ in order to avoid that internal threat and now he brings up a third threat a looming threat a threat that's coming also from the outside but but it's it's in the guise of part of the community and they're going to come in these teachers with confidence and they're going to teach and have all the argumentation and the logic to support their arguments to show that the law requires Christians to be circumcised in order to be part of the community and Paul is in a sense inoculating the congregation from this so even though he can't get to them and he knows these

teachers are coming his teaching can get to the congregation and in a sense prepare them ahead of time and inoculate them from this virus so when they come these teachers would have no effect on the community and so he calls them dogs and evil workers and mutilators and says that we those in Christ are the true jews are the true circumcision

=====Quiz#1

so carrying on now in verse 4 he says Boone so they have he has we have no confidence in the flesh but he says though I might also have confidence in the flesh so they they obviously have confidence in the flesh we have no confidence in the flesh but Paul says wait a minute you know if I wanted to I could have confidence in the flesh if any other man thinks that he has whereof he might trust in the flesh I more I I will go toe-to-toe with anybody who wants to have confidence in the law because I think I am exceptional in this regard and this is a kind of a foolish boast that Paul is making but it's an important post because again when the congregants see these teachers show up they can compare their credentials to Paul's credentials and see that their credentials are going to fall short when compared to Paul and Paul now lays out his credentials from birth I was born into a faithful family I was circumcised on the day so both my mother and father were very meticulous about keeping the law and so on the eighth day I was circumcised of the stock of Israel I'm of the tribe of Benjamin Israel's first king Saul was from Benjamin and here we see Paul his Jewish name was Saul his Hebrew name named after that first king of Israel so from of the stock of Israel

of the how shall I say the exalted tribe
of Benjamin a Hebrew of the Hebrews so
any Hebrew you want to show me I Paul
I'm a Hebrew of those Hebrews I can
instruct those Hebrews as touching the
law a Pharisee so we say you know people
are pharisaical it means they're very
very meticulous so the Pharisees really
truly believed in the power of the law
and they were meticulous keepers of the
law now concerning zeal persecuting the
church so he was actually more zealous
than any of his his peers and so zealous
in fact that when this competing a way
of life showed up he actually set out to
destroy the church that's how jealous he
was touching the righteousness which is
in the law and there is a righteousness
in the law so concerning the
righteousness that's in the law I was
blameless blameless so how can that be
how can Paul be blameless concerning the
righteousness that was in the law look
at laviticus it says here and the
priests as an example verse 19 of
chapter 14 in Leviticus and the priest
shall offer the sin offering so if
somebody in Israel or to sin they could
come to the priests and have the sin
offering offered by the priests to make
an atonement for him that is to be
cleansed from his uncleanness and
afterward he shall kill the burnt
offering and the priest shall offer the
burnt offering and the meat offering
the altar and the priest shall make an
atonement for him and he shall be clean
so this is showing that there is a
righteousness in the law and if we were
born in ancient Israel there is a way
for us to be blameless we can't be
sinless but we can be blameless and
blameless means without blame so I sin
but I went through the legal requirement

and I became blameless I became clean
what Paul is saying back here in
Philippians 4 and verse 6 that
concerning the righteousness which is in
the law because he's a Pharisee and so
meticulous he's blameless every single
thing that the law requires he was like
paint by numbers and connect the dots
and follow letter by letter dot x dot so
that he was blameless and not very many
people I imagine would be able to make
such a statement so he's saying I'm a
Hebrew of the Hebrews now he says in
verse 7 but what things were gain to me
and certainly in this closed community a
man like Paul or Saul would be highly
regarded highly regarded and there would
be a lot of benefit to being such a
meticulous Pharisee and all of that
respect and that reference and whatever
benefits went with that he says but what
things were gain to me those I counted
loss for Christ so this is the issue
that Paul actually has a relationship
with Jesus Christ Paul understands what
Jesus Christ is doing with mankind
and these Judaizers who have accepted
Christ accepted Christ they really don't
know Christ because they are consumed
with the requirements of the law and the
rituals of the law and they're trying
now to impose these rituals and these
requirements on took these Gentile
believers who have accepted Christ and
Paul has no tolerance for this at all
and so he positions himself to the
Philippians to say look anything that
they're going to present to you any
credentials that they're going to
present to you any benefits that they're
going to present you any quote unquote
joy which is like a false joy that
they're going to present to you all of
that it's garbage I've thrown all of

that away why so that I could gain
Christ this this is the real the real
deal this is the real value the real
value is actually having a relationship
with Jesus Christ he goes on yes
doubtless that this is where the
confidences and I count all things but
loss for the excellency of the knowledge
of christ jesus my lord my lord means i
have a relationship i've entered into a
covenant with jesus christ himself and i
have a relationship with him he's my
lord and anything else that I've had
before I it's its loss I don't care
about it why because there's an
excellency in this relationship that I
have with Christ there is something
that's beyond description and remember
this is a man that entered into the
heavens had a vision and actually
entered into the heavens and he's not
sure if it was physically or for was a
vision but he learned things and saw
things that he wasn't able to share with
everybody but he was a man of incredible
knowledge and insight and understanding
and and he threw everything away and
really strove for the excellence
a of the knowledge of Christ Jesus is
Lord and our Lord for whom I have
suffered the loss of all things
everything and you know perhaps the most
painful thing to lose that we have that
we have is our reputation you know we
can lose physical things and then we can
we can gain them back but when you lose
your reputation that that's so you know
psychologically it's a very very deep
pain to be rejected to be despised to be
ill spoken of it's a very painful
experience and Paul and here Paul is
saying that he has suffered he's not
just that he lost all things but he has
suffered the loss of all things and is

he recounts his losses he counts them as done everything that he has lost is nothing why so that he may win Christ this is like we need to meditate on this what is it that Paul understands what is it that Paul saw that has him striving so single-mindedly to be in this relationship is loving intimate relationship with Christ and and not to disappoint Christ and to set his entire hope on a meeting Christ at the first resurrection what is it we need to see it and the Holy Spirit will enable us to see him to understand and the Holy Spirit will enable us to have this same sort of single-minded motivation and dedication that we may win Christ this is this is what really matters and again he's trying to inoculate the Philippians so that when these Judaizers show up they're not going to be persuaded even though their arguments are going to be very logical and very sound minded they're not going to be persuaded because their relationship is with Christ so you want the wind Christ and be found in him not having my own righteousness which he had he was blameless there what there is a righteousness which comes from the law but that on your own efforts and when you try to do this heavy lifting of building the righteous character of God on your own efforts you're going to collapse as we saw in the opening video so not having my own righteousness which Isaiah came to understand is like filthy rags that is such a provocative image that here we are working so hard to be righteous and in God's eyes if that righteousness is apart from Christ it's like filthy rags which is having my own righteousness which is of the law but that which is

through the faith of Christ this is the true righteousness this is the transformative righteousness not the rituals associated with the Judaic law but here the faith in Christ the righteousness which is of God by faith and you know in Romans when he was writing to the Roman Church he actually said to them were explained to them that Abraham that his righteousness came through faith because his obedience in his belief in god and his trust in God he was uncircumcised he was as a result of his faith as a result of the righteousness that that God afforded to him as a result of that God entered into a covenant with him and then he added then he had him circumcised so the circumcision came after the righteousness that came by the gift by faith which was of God so here this is what Paul clearly understands and once the Philippians to understand that their righteousness must be of God and through the gift of faith that comes from God now probably some of you who are listening to me in the back of your mind you're saying you know hold on a minute you know there's no way that Paul could be saying the Ten Commandments are done away and are you saying that the Ten Commandments don't matter let me reassure you absolutely not the Ten Commandments do matter and here when Paul is talking about these Judaizers and he's talking about the law he is not talking about the Ten Commandments he's not talking about the moral code that God that that pre-existed Moses it's not okay now just because we're a Christian to go out and murder it's not okay to go out and steal it's not okay to commit adultery it's not okay to break this out it's not okay

to have other gods to take God's name in vain none of those Commandments are to be broken and proof of that if you know there's other people might be listening thinking oh yes it's okay to break the commandments no it's not and we can go to the back of the book here in chapter 14 of the book of Revelation and just cutting in here speaking of this beast power there's this political religious economic power that is going to really have force all over the world in the end time so at a time ahead of us now and it says here in verse 11 and the smoke of their torment ascends up for ever and ever and they have no rest day nor night these are those who worship the Beast and His image so human beings who are alive in this time and all indicators are that this time is coming very quickly all human beings who are alive and who choose to worship the Beast and His image they have actually have a decision all of us have a decision to make we are either going to go along with this political economic and religious system or we're not and unless we have this faith in Christ this conviction and that sort of same desire that you saw in Paul not to disappoint Christ if we don't have that then we're going to just go along it's so much easier just to go along but then we will be punished by Christ and by the father so who worship the Beast and His image and whosoever receives the mark of his name now in this time period ahead of us here is the patience of the saints this is the patience of the saints here are they that keep the commandments of God there isn't from cover to cover there is no place you can find in the Bible where it's okay to break God's commandments

and that's not what Paul was teaching at all so here now John is showing us that the vision that he saw that those saints who have the patience that Paul spoke of to the Philippians in chapter one saying to count the suffering that you endure for the sake of Christ as a gift because what's the reward that you receive for it the eternal reward that you receive for it is indescribable so rejoice in your persecution rejoice in your suffering and no matter what do not give up the faith of Christ and the faith that we have in Christ and the righteousness that comes from that faith and the receipt of the Holy Spirit enables us to keep the commandments so we don't keep the commandments to earn salvation no we believe in Christ to receive the free gift of salvation but once we receive that free gift and we receive the Holy Spirit that Holy Spirit enables us to keep the commandments we are New Covenant Christians you know there's the Old Covenant that God had with Israel and now there's this new covenant that God has with Israel and then the Gentiles our graft into this new covenant and this new covenant he says I will put my laws in their heart so the same Israel that receives the law the commandments but it was on stone it was external that same Israel God is going to renew his covenant actually have a new covenant because they broke the old one he's going to have a new covenant with Israel he's going to allow Gentiles to come into that covenant because he see promised to Abraham that in Abraham all the families of the earth would be blessed and so all the families of the earth can now come into this new covenant and in this new

covenant rather than having the law
written on stone the law would be
written in our hearts with the Holy Spirit

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and we will want to obey God and
as I said earlier this relationship that
we have with Christ is transformative
it's changing us we're becoming
different people if you kind of track
our our maturity over time you know 20
years ago 30 years ago 40 years ago five
years ago four years ago three two one
we're changing were different people and
we're becoming more and more conformed
to the image of his son and so we keep
the commandments of God no matter what
and the faith of Jesus so I don't know
how anybody can get around this to try
to say the commandments are done away
well if you believe the commandments are
done away you will be done away because
you will you will compromise and you
will cooperate with this beast power
that has its own form of righteousness
that will actually have you doing the
very things that break God's law in the
guise of their religion to make that it
make it seem like its righteousness and
you'll go along because the commandments
don't matter but those who know their
God who know Jesus Christ who are filled
with the Holy Spirit they will never
break the commandments of God and that's
where we saw Shadrach Meshach and
Abednego when the beast power of their
time asked them to worship this false
image they just said you know what we're
not careful to answer is it says there's
no compromising here there's no
negotiation so do yours and that's now
the patience of the Saints so clearly
this righteousness of the law has to do
with all those Levitical ritual
ceremonial Sibyl you know when when he

was setting up a nation a physical nation there was a lot of ceremonial and civil law sit instructions ibly was 613 or 623 laws that were associated with all of that and they could be blameless if they followed all those laws but that was separate and apart and after that the Ten Commandments and the Ten Commandments actually proceed Moses we see the Sabbath right from the very beginning so these Commandments must be kept through all time actually reflect the righteousness of god verse 10 of chapter three so so he says here sorry in verse 9 finishing off in verse 9 and be found in him I'm going to strive to be found in him not having my own righteousness which is of the law but that which is through the faith of Christ the righteousness which is of God by faith that I may know him and the power of his resurrection this is this is I mean when we really understand Christianity the true Christianity we are focused on the power of his resurrection that's what we really live for because that's when we're reunited with him and we will live forever in new bodies in a new life with and there will be no more death and so this is what Paul was striving for to know him and the power of his resurrection and the Fellowship of his sufferings you know in North America we've kind of got this thing where it's not right that we should suffer we should never suffer we should always have the optimal convenience we should be able to snap our fingers or push a button and get whatever we like and certainly the last thing that should ever happen to us is that we should have to wait for something or that we should have to

suffer and here Paul is actually saying
I want to know I'm striving to
participate in the sufferings of Christ
because as I suffer with him I become
more like him and as they become more
like him I will
rise with him so I were unwilling to
suffer with him here he says being made
conformable unto his death and this is
the true definition of Christianity the
true definition of Christianity is we
follow Christ to the end and we will
live the way he lived and we are willing
to die the way he died if he requires
that of us we know that the hairs of our
head are numbered and we are more
precious than even two sparrows and even
you know he looks after us and we're in
his will but in his will we want to know
we want to participate we want to be
partners with him and participate in his
sufferings even to the point of being
conformable unto his death in fact our
very baptism is it is a symbol of our
willingness to die that half the old men
die and live in u verse 11 so I'm going
to do all of this i'm going to focus if
by any means i might attain unto the
resurrection of the Dead speaking of the
first resurrection so you know if it
takes suffering if it takes my death and
paul was here waiting to find out if
he'd be released or if he'd be executed
whatever it takes i am willing and
here's the patience of the saints why
are we so patient why are we willing to
endure anything because we want to
attain this resurrection that by any
means i might attain the resurrection of
the dead not as though i had already
attained so you know i'm not saying
already there either were already
perfect but I follow after that if I may
apprehend that for which also I am

apprehensive of Christ Jesus so Christ Jesus has apprehended him and in that apprehension now that he has the Holy Spirit he is striving to apprehend this this end result this promise that Christ has held out

him brethren I count not myself to have apprehended I'm not there yet but this one thing I do there's one thing I do forgetting those things which are behind that though you know all of those I was so meticulous in keeping the law I knew I had everything memorized any little thing I was tithing even you know seeds I had everything just really organized and that was also righteous and I was so well respected all of that it's dumb and I've forgotten all those things that are behind instead I'm reaching forth unto those things which are before and that is the resurrection and the partnership the fellowship in Christ this is this is the one thing I do for getting all those things that are behind me I'm now focused on what's ahead of me and this is so this is how he wants the

Philippines to think don't go backwards don't go back to this the jew judea practices and in fact at this time they still had the temple but in short order the temple would be destroyed so all of those rituals and sacrifices that they had with the temple would but they wouldn't be able to do them anymore so here he's forgetting all that focusing on what's on before verse 14 i press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of god in christ east i'm telling you when i read these words the Apostle Paul saw something he knew something and he was just so convicted to go after this and and and you know you can feel the energy and you're saying wow you know whatever this is

we're onto something indescribable and we've got to have the same passion we've got to have the same conviction we've got to have this promisingly Irit press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus is a very high calling this first fruits calling let us therefore as many as be perfect in that that were perfect Elias is really artillio is really mature you let us therefore as many as our mature be thus minded let let us think like this and let's not be distracted by anybody who's going to come into our congregation with their false doctrine and their false teachings and trying to replace Christ and our focus on Christ with something else let us be thus minded and if anything if in anything you be otherwise minded God shall reveal even this unto you so clearly the apostle is praying for his congregation and he really wants them to understand that nothing replaces Christ and if there's anything that's going to get in the way any kind of leaven he's confident that God's going to reveal it to them so that they can get rid of it nevertheless we're too we have already attained what we have achieved so far let us walk by the same rule let us mind the same thing so let us really be focused on achieving this this prize of the high calling that is in God that is in Christ Jesus verse 17 brethren be followers together of me I you know you might not understand everything I understand you might not see everything I see but you know that I'm bringing you the truth of God be followers of me and mark them which walk so as you have us for an example so when you see brethren who really get it who have good doctrine remember i'm going to

keep saying this good doctrine leads to good behavior when you see people with either sort of academic argumentation and horrible behavior that's not the dr. good doctrine leads to good behavior when you see that mark them make a special note but how about sort of a bookmark in your mind oh that's a good example i'm going to follow that example brethren be followers together of me and mark them which also which walk so as you have us as an example why why why should you be so careful to mark those who get for many walk of whom i've told you often remember when we opened this chapter he said you know it's uh it's it's not a burden for me to repeat myself and here he's telling you now we see that in fact he had he is repeating himself he's told them often says no burden for me to repeat myself but for you it's safe so he's just let me keep reminding them that there are not not a few it's not a few there are many that walk of whom I told you often and now tell you even weeping that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ so they're speaking Christ in fact Christ even tells us that many will come in my name saying I am Christ but shall deceive many so many so in Paul's time there were many and in our time there'll be many all kinds of persuasions and different approaches to this but we've gotta see through it all that many walk and he's worn them often is this is like a really serious thing this could disrupt the congregation you get this kind of doctrine inside your congregation it's gonna split it's gonna be divisive for many walk of whom I've told you often and now telling you even weeping this is how serious this is he calls them dogs he calls them evil

workers he calls them mutilators I mean hopefully the Brethren get this avoid these people they are the enemies of the cross of Christ so this cross of Christ this sacrifice of Christ is the pivotal matter and here are these people who appear righteous who are trying to take the Brethren away from the sacrifice of Christ and put something else in its place and Paul is weeping he is he is beside himself with sorrow hoping that nobody falls for this but he knows that there aren't going to be brethren in fall for this these people are slick they've got good argumentation and there's a lot of them and they're there they're relentless but he's really hoping to inoculate the Philippians and again strive together so if the community strives together the community can spot these false teachers and shun them and all the time we're going to have false teachers coming into our congregations and as a community we've got to spot them and help each other avoid them whose end is destruction Wow you know we're striving for this resurrection of this eternal relationship with Christ and the father but these folks their end is destruction how dare they how dare they minimize the cross of Christ whose end is destruction notice this now they're god they're going to talk about God there's a lot of talk about God but they're real God is their belly they're they're actually driven by their carnal nature

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the relationship we have with Christ is transformative it changes us the Holy Spirit changes us we develop the fruits of the spirit we become much more self-controlled we're not governed by

our lusts these folks when you strip away the image when you strip away the narrative and you just look at their behavior you realize wow they're governed by their appetites they're governed by their carnal nature and whose glory is in their shame the very thing that they think is their glory it's there to ditch their shame who mind earthly things they're they're real concern is to have gained in this world you know who they are paschal also or sorry Peter told us that we have escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust these people have not escaped that corruption and you know they're now bringing this in the cloak of righteousness to enforce it on the rest of us and then you know we have kind of parallels of that in modern times where you see people imposing what they think is God's law externally on people and all of this imposition and coercion and force it does nothing to actually change the heart to change the nature it's just an external appearance of righteousness and in fact it's it's horrible it's cruelty and even though they appear righteous what what the Apostle is saying is their God is their belly they're really driven by their appetites and as much as we might look at something like that and be disgusted by it and I hope we are now let's read this Paul says to the Romans therefore you are inexcusable oh man whoever you are that judges so do we look at that and judge it or look at a brother or a sister and judge them and can then and that means condemn them for wherein you judge another you condemn yourself for you that Judge do the very same things so we might not physically beat a woman

but we might be in a congregation
and it psychologically beat up our women
or psychologically beat up the Brethren
and try to impose our will on others and
oppress others and yet we want to
condemn the very thing that we're doing
for you that judge you do the same
things but we are sure that the judgment
of God is according to truth against
them which commit such things and think
you this oh man that judge them which do
such things and you do the same that you
shall escape the judgment of God so this
sort of artificial imposing of law on
others and coercing others to follow
very meticulously your rituals Paul is
saying it's all an illusion because of
the heart isn't changing and if the
heart isn't changing you're going to be
full of the works of the flesh so
because you're trying to put on or I'm
trying to put on this cloak of
righteousness and I'm condemning the
works of the flesh but because i don't
have the cross of Christ and the power
of his resurrection working in me my
heart is not changing and if my heart is
not changing I'm a hypocrite I'm going
to try to appear righteous but behind
the scenes when I think nobody's looking
I'm engaged in the works of the flesh
and so Paul's thing do you think you're
gonna get away with this you're so harsh
and so condemning of others when you see
them falling short and yet in your
private life you're falling short how
how will you come to the judgement day
of God and think that you'll escape you
know this is that there's a book that
one of the Brethren put me on to call
the righteous mind and the the premise
of the book is actually quite profound
and basically it says this the more
righteous we believe we are the more

condemning
intolerant we become so that religion
actually becomes a problem it becomes
source of division rather than a source
of love and of unity and that's what we
see here is that the people who are in
well-meaning people who become engaged
in religion that the religion actually
warps warps them and they become
horrible people so in fact some of the
some of the worst people in the world
are religious and what Paul is talking
about he's saying get rid of religion
and instead enter into a relationship a
covenant relationship with Jesus Christ
and know him and know him intimately and
allow Him to come in and sup with you
and transform you and get away from this
religious ritual istic mechanical type
of living and and you know it's very
interesting when people are very
coercive and and really imposing their
perception of how things should be on
others he makes that interesting
statement Paul does to the brethren at
Galatia about these people who are
governed by the works of the flesh who
are really hypocrites he says this they
sell ously affect you so so they are
passionately trying to have an effect on
you but not well it's not a good effect
yes they would exclude you you want to
punish you they want to ostracize you
because you don't live up to their
standards why do they do this that you
might affect them this is profound so
they're trying to affect you try to
create a feelings of sorrow and of guilt
and condemnation in you why are they
doing that so that you can affect them
well Paul is saying here and sort of the
insight into the human mind and it's
again kind of leveraging off that book
the righteous mind is that they're

insecure they really don't
confidence and because they don't have
confidence it's important to them to
impose their definition of righteousness
on you and to affect you because when
they see that they've affected you that
reassures them that they must be right
and Paul is saying they're hypocrites
and and that that guy's of confidence
that they're coming with is really a
lack of confidence so ignore them and
you focus on Christ and even the
fellowship of having fellowship with his
sufferings so let's now conclude with
Philippians chapter 3 and verse 24
our citizenship is in heaven doesn't mean we're going to
heaven it means Christ is in heaven and
he has our citizenship we are written
with with the father in the book of life
with him but he's coming to Earth and
he's going to rain on earth for a
thousand years and then after that
thousand years is up the father shows us
in the book of Revelation at the end
that the father is going to come down
and he's going to dwell on earth and so
it's all about the earth and the
covenant with Abraham was about it was a
land covenant and we were going to
ensure at that land that was promised
the meek shall inherit the earth and so
our citizenship is in heaven but Christ
and the father are coming with that
citizenship to earth so from whence also
we look for the Savior this is the true
Savior it's not our works it's not we
don't we don't keep the law so that we
can earn our way to salvation and we
hope that you know are a good deed to
lochlair our bad deeds all about is
nonsense all of that is dumb it's our
relationship with Christ and we're
looking to him our Savior the Lord Jesus

Christ and when he comes this is the
promise this is why Paul is just
striving so focused Lee
he saw something and John saw it as well
and he understood that when Christ comes
there's a new life there's a new birth
Christ is the firstborn from the dead
and he says to us we must be born again
and this is that birth that he's talking
about it's a birth from the grave we're
born now we have this body then we go
into the grave then we're born again out
of the grave like Christ with a new body
and here he says you know and we shall
not all sleep but we shall all be
changed we'll all have this new birth
who when he comes shall change our vile
body and you know people are trying to
fool themselves and they're pumping iron
that doing all they can to try to have
this glory but Muhammad Ali he just died
the other day and I don't think there
was a more glorious athlete physically
than Muhammad Ali and yet he was like
grass like a flower all of that glory
past and so the real nature of our this
physical body is its corrupt and in the
older we live the more we live the
longer we live the more corrupt we see
it is it's a broken body we do our best
with it but it's a vile body but when he
comes he's going to change this vile
body that it may be fashioned like unto
his glorious body he's the firstborn
from the dead and he has this glorious
body now and he's in heaven and he's
coming and when he comes you know we're
going to be like him he's going to
change our body to be like his in and
Paul was just so focused on this promise
according to the working whereby he is
able even to subdue all things unto
himself and so this is Christ is the
center and everything we saw that in

chapter 2 that every knee will bow to Christ all things in heaven on the earth and even in the earth everything is going to be subdued by right and when everything is subdued to him then he's going to turn everything over to God the Father so this is the promise this is what we're striving for and it's really important brethren that we are not influenced by the dogs by the evil workers by anybody that would want to displace the cross of Christ this incredible yes it's hard to even articulate it this is sacrifice that the creator made coming into his creation and then being brutalized and then dying without uttering a word without sinning and then being out of existence for three days and three nights and then coming back being born from the dead it was a glorious body and that powerful resurrection that that he completely fulfilled though true righteousness and now he's in heaven and that people would come along and somehow try to discount that and say yeah you know that's okay but you really need to get circumcised and you really need to do these other things in order to be saved no we just need to believe in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ so this is just a beautiful letter that we're working through and once we have this on knowledge we were filled with the Holy Spirit we will fulfill the righteousness that the Holy Spirit enables us to fulfill we have one more chapter to go to finish this beautiful book and that's what we're going to cover next week chapter four and then we will study the book of Philippians and you know there's a passage in chapter four and it's the passenger he says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me that

is one of the most quoted passages in the Bible and is one of the most misquoted people don't understand what they're saying when they say that and we're going to cover that in the rest of chapter four we're going to get to see I yodea I'll get to meet the audience in tickey and bring this whole book together so I'm looking forward to seeing you next Wednesday 630 central time seven thirty eastern and we look forward to exploring the Word of God with you together I'm going to go on the chat now and i look forward to seeing you again next week god bless

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